

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)	
GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE)	
for a certificate of public convenience and)	Case No. U-11812
necessity to provide gas service in Big Rapids)	
Township, Mecosta County.)	
_____)	

At the July 16, 1999 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman
 Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
 Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On October 9, 1998, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative (Great Lakes) filed an application, pursuant to the provisions of 1929 PA 69, as amended, MCL 460.501 et seq.; MSA 22.141 et seq., requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its facilities and provide gas service in Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County.

Pursuant to due notice, a prehearing conference was held on November 8, 1998 before Administrative Law Judge James N. Rigas. Great Lakes, the Commission Staff, and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company participated in the proceedings.

Subsequently, the parties submitted a settlement agreement resolving all issues in this case.

According to the terms of the settlement agreement, appended to this order as Attachment A, the parties agree that (1) Great Lakes has obtained the requisite franchise to provide gas service in Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, (2) providing Great Lakes with a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Big Rapids Township will benefit the public interest, and (3) the requested certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1929 PA 69, as amended, MCL 460.501 et seq.; MSA 22.141 et seq.; 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; MSA 22.21 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The settlement agreement, appended to this order as Attachment A, is approved.
- B. Great Lakes Energy Cooperative is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct facilities and to provide gas service in Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26; MSA 22.45.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of July 16, 1999.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated July 16, 1999 approving the settlement agreement and granting Great Lakes Energy Cooperative a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide gas service in Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, as set forth in the order.”